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LOK SABHA

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CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of cruelty inflicted on animals during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of persons convicted in this regard during the said period, State-wise; and

(c) the provisions made by the Government to check such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c): The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960 was enacted by the Central Government to prevent infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering on animals. Prevention of Cruelty falls in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and hence the appropriate law enforcement machinery are the State Governments/Local Authorities. Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI), the statutory body under the Ministry of Environment & Forests, addresses all the State Governments to enforce the provisions regarding cruelties to animals and to book the offenders suitably. The cases as reported by State Governments/ Union Territories during the last three years are enclosed in Annexure.